

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-52. (canceled)

53. (previously amended) A bio-absorbable and bio-compatible implant for placement under the skin of an animal comprising:  
at least one discrete, solid pellet having a growth promoting agent comprising from about 20-200 mg trenbolone acetate;  
at least one discrete, solid pellet having a supplemental agent comprising from about 10-100 mg melengesterol acetate;  
wherein said agents combine to promote growth in an animal.

54-55. (canceled)

56. (previously amended) The implant according to claim 53 wherein said growth promoting agent further comprises from about 5-50 mg estradiol benzoate.

57-58. (canceled)

59. (previously amended) The implant according to claim 53 wherein said growth promoting agent further comprises from about 5-50 mg estradiol.

60-61. (canceled)

62. (previously amended) A bio-absorbable and bio-compatible implant for placement under the skin of an animal comprising:  
at least one discrete, solid pellet having a growth promoting agent comprising from about 5-50 mg estradiol benzoate;

at least one discrete, solid pellet having a supplemental agent comprising from about 10-100 mg melengesterol acetate;  
wherein said agents combine to promote growth in an animal.

63-65. (canceled)

66. (previously amended) A bio-absorbable and bio-compatible implant for placement under the skin of an animal comprising:

at least one discrete, solid pellet having a growth promoting agent comprising from about 5-50 mg estradiol;

at least one discrete, solid pellet having a supplemental agent comprising from about 10-100 mg melengesterol acetate;

wherein said agents combine to promote growth in an animal.